



SOUTHEAST IOWA LINK (SEIL)

MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES REGION

DES MOINES, HENRY, JEFFERSON,
KEOKUK, LEE, LOUISA, VAN BUREN
& WASHINGTON COUNTIES

DATE	CONVENING TIME	LOCATION
March 1, 2017	1:30pm	Henry Co. Emergency Management 900 West Washington St. Mount Pleasant, IA 52641

Draft Meeting Minutes

Southeast Iowa Link Governing Board meeting

Present: Rick Larkin, Jack Seward, Jr, Marc Lindeen, Tom Broeker, Dee Sandquist, Michael Berg, Chris Ball, Mark Meek, Kristin Helm, Don Ross, Ryanne Wood, Ken Hyndman, Sandy Stever, Tami Gilliland

1. Approve Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda

By Michael Berg Second Chris Ball Motion passes

2. Consider Approval of February 8, 2016 minutes

Motion to approve the February 8, 2016 minutes

By Michael Berg Second Jack Seward Motion passes

3. Update from Advisory Board members

Kristen Helm reported the Advisory Board members discussed the changes with AmeriHealth going to in house case management. The training requirements for case managers and practice requirements are not the same as they have been historically. There is concern about the impact this will have on clients who have established relationships with their current case managers. They also discussed the reduction in HCBS rates. In the past, rates have been negotiated with the providers but now the rates will be moved to the floor rates which could put some providers out of business. It may be difficult for RCF's to remain open. The two bills, bottle redemption and voter ID's, could impact individuals with disabilities. One provider is looking at a \$700,000 budget reduction for FY 18 and another is looking at a \$1,000,000 budget reduction for FY 18. There are 4-5 providers that won't be able to withstand the reduction. The Iowa Association of Community Providers is having discussions about this issue. Access to case management to get someone qualified for Medicaid funding for their service array has taken a hit as well as there is an access barrier with getting the assessment completed that determines level of care needed. Due to individuals not being able to get their assessment completed they are staying on region funding because Medicaid funding is being pushed back. If the region doesn't stay involved throughout this process the person goes without services. This is a core service for the region therefore it will be pushed to the region to provide but the region can push back since the MCO is in violation with their contract with the state. Services are to be initiated within 90 days per the MCO's contract with the state. Teligen is 90 days out before they make the initial contact. Therefore the assessment isn't completed until after the 90 days are already up. Since DHS is the contract holder with the MCO's they can request or make the MCO's pay back the region for failing to comply with access standards but all three MCO's are in financial trouble. The claw back for fund balances over 25% has been eliminated from legislation. There are services that are ear marked to be added to region core



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services. DHS is recommending even more additions to core services than what has been ear marked with no additional funding. There is a bill in the works to remove the 1996 levy cap.

4. Consider Approval of Claims for Fiscal Agent Account-

- a. **Keokuk County Community Services- \$1,521.65(reimbursement for CIT training)**
- b. **Sandy Stever-\$2,307.18 (reimbursement for Performance/Value Based Payment and Performance training)**

Motion to approve the Fiscal Agent claims

By Marc Lindeen

Second Tom Broeker

Motion passes

5. Discuss and Consider Approval of Fiscal Agent FY18 Budget

The draft FY18 budget was reviewed via overhead projector. There is not a request for a Fiscal Agent contribution for FY18 due to having a sufficient fund balance to cover FY18 expenses.

Motion to approve the Fiscal Agent FY18 budget

By Tom Broeker

Second Michael Berg

Motion passes

6. Discuss and Receive presentation of information related to participants of the CIT training in San Antonio

Tami Gilliland reported that Jarred Schneider, Washington County Sheriff, Elley Neuzil, Transition Link, Sarah Berndt and Tami Gilliland observed the San Antonio CIT model. They observed part of the training, toured their crisis center and toured the San Antonio jail. They were able to get a feel of the program that is offered in San Antonio. Elley will be taking a second group to San Antonio to observe which will hopefully include a Magistrate, a County Attorney and someone from the Burlington Police Department. The group was able to observe the role playing which teaches law enforcement how to use the skills they have learned. The group was also able to make some contacts and get their handouts. Everyone that went is looking at the program from a different view point. Can we afford it? Are the programs in place to implement CIT? Do we have the staff? Everyone is excited but realistic that the program may not be rolled out for a couple of years. A couple of the contacts are willing to travel to Iowa to provide training for our region. The crisis center offers a sobering unit for law enforcement. It is for individuals who just need to sober up. A nurse and a paramedic staff the sobering unit. They only offer crackers and water. They aren't served a meal in the sobering unit. There is also a detox unit and a behavior health unit. The training was offered to all first responders not just law enforcement. The CIT team consists of two officers. One is the main officer and the other is the backup. In San Antonio they respond in street clothes instead of in uniform. Each department will have to determine what they are comfortable doing. A sub-committee has been formed to facilitate the development of the program.



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7. Discuss and Consider Approval of recommended changes to 28E language to facilitate pooling of region funds to more effectively manage contract claims processing and business/financial management of the region

The 28E amendment is intended to allocate additional funds to the Fiscal Agent to meet the expenditure obligations as it relates to what the Governing Board designates. The CDS' have discussed that it makes the most sense to start with contract obligations. The other point is to reflect to not only use county employees but also have the capacity to have region employees at the direction and decision of the Governing Board. The language offers leeway as to what is most appropriate. Where the 28E previously referenced county employee it now states and/or region employee to offer flexibility in decision making. On pages 8 and 9 of the 28E is where CEO and staff are referenced. On page 10 is where the language regarding pooling has been added. Equalization wording has been eliminated. Outside revenue would be received by the corresponding account which the expense was incurred. Therefore revenue would not be crossing accounts. The existing 28E references a \$1 per capita. This language will need to be changed to allow the Governing Board to request the maximum levy per capita at their discretion. This will allow the region to cover the costs that the Governing Board determines will be paid out of the pooled account. The Governing Board would decide what the dollar amount per capita is needed per county to cover expenses that will be paid out of the pooled account up to the counties max levy. The modified 28E needs to be submitted to all County Attorneys for them to review. The individual counties will need to approve the 28E by resolution. The updated language allows more flexibility for pooling. The SEIL region is one of the few regions who don't pool. It also allows flexibility with employees. Washington Counties County Attorney reviewed the proposed 28E and had a question that Jack was able to answer. Keokuk Counties County Attorney also reviewed the proposed 28E and recommended some language changes that clarify the wording on pages 8 and 9. Tami handed out a paper copy of Keokuk Counties suggestions. Lee Counties County Attorney had not responded yet. Each counties County Attorney needs to review both versions of the 28E. On March 22nd the 28E will be on the agenda to be approved by resolution. If the majority of the Governing Board votes yes the amended 28E will then be taken to the local Boards of Supervisors to take action by resolution. The draft projected contracted expenses have been calculated based on a 3% increase and/or historical expenses. The expenses are broke down by provider and by county. There are a few areas that still need to be completed. The services are diversified in all eight counties. For the contracted services they are broke down very closely to the per capita on a population basis. The report is a good representation and starting point for payment from the Fiscal Agent account since it is very close to the per capita, it maintains the service array and it creates efficiency in the region system. Wages, benefits, subsistence, mileage, commitment costs, providers without a SEIL contract and administrative expenses will not be pooled and will be paid at the county level. The breakdown of the region contracts show self-sufficiency at the county level and that maintains itself even is the payment is transferred to the Fiscal Agent to process.

Motion to table agenda items 7 and 8

By Marc Lindeen

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes



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8. Discuss and Consider Approval of providing member counties the amended 28E so that action can be taken at the member County Board of Supervisors meetings to pass Resolution

Tabled in agenda item 7

By Marc Lindeen

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes

9. New Business

The new proposed transportation bill would allow deputies to be out in the counties rather than transporting individuals all over the state. This bill would allow leeway for secured transportation for individuals who are under a court committal.

County Day at the Capitol is Wednesday, March 8th and Spring School is Thursday, March 9th and Friday March 10th.

The March 22nd meeting will be held at the Henry County Courthouse on the 2nd floor.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

By Michael Berg

Second Mark Meek

Motion passes

Minutes submitted March 17, 2017 by Marc Lindeen, Secretary MLTG